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Martin ESSING

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

SIR:

Applicants hereby requests a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of September 30, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the final Office Action dated September 30, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

The Pending Claims, which are not amended by this Communication, are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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